

Teachers strike hits Chicago

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CHICAGO—Teachers in the nation's third largest school district will strike Monday over the financially strapped school board's refusal to grant them a pay increase, union officials said Sunday.

The strike will keep 435,000 students out of the classroom.

A visibly angry Robert Healey, president of the Chicago Teachers Union, walked out of negotiations about 40 minutes after he set an "absolute deadline" of 1 p.m. EDT for agreement with the Board of Education on a new contract before calling the strike for Monday.

"The strike which was voted by the Chicago Teachers Union on Sept. 15 will commence tomorrow at 7:15 a.m.," Healey said.

Teachers were reportedly seeking a 4 or 5 percent pay increase. Healey said the board did not even offer a 1 percent pay hike.

Healey told reporters there was some feeling that the board might have allowed the strike to save money. It has been estimated the board will save more than \$1 million every day the teachers are on strike. Negotiations continued without Healey but were recessed

Saturday after the union refused to accept layoffs or benefit cuts to fund a salary hike.

The system's 27,000 teachers have been working without a contract and voted to authorize the strike more than two weeks ago. Some 11,000 other employees planned to coincide a walkout with the teachers strike if their unions don't reach contract agreements with the board.

The unions took wage freezes last year and are pressing for raises this year. The board wants concessions to keep projected budget deficits from growing.

In more than five months of negotiations, the board agreed to give written contracts to those unions that want them, agreed to continue paying pension costs once deducted from employee paychecks and resolved a seniority dispute with the CTU.

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This group of freshman in Company F-1 of the Corps of Cadets gave a senior in their outfit a quadding with 87 buckets of water. Now that's a shower! Quadding is another time-honored tradition at A&M.

Homosexual denied citizenship

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NEW ORLEANS — A British national who has been denied U.S. citizenship intends to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review a decision by a federal appeals panel barring homosexual entry into the United States.

"I don't think I've got much choice," said Richard Longstaff during a telephone interview from his clothing store in Houston, Texas, after last week's decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

"The government has made quite clear that they would deport proceedings against me (if I lost)," he said. "I don't have to appeal."

Longstaff, who also owns a hair and hairdressing store in Dallas, said he felt the 1982 Immigration & Nationality

law interpreted by the panel was "old-fashioned and from the McCarthy era."

"I never thought this would happen to me when I applied for citizenship in 1976," he said. "But there are some bad laws and this is one of them."

In a 2-1 decision, the federal appeals court ruled Longstaff entered the country illegally in 1965 as a homosexual although he did not have a medical certificate to that effect.

Legal entry is a prerequisite for naturalization and illegal entry is a basis for deportation.

The 43-year-old Dallas resident claims he was unaware when he filled out his visa application 18 years ago that homosexuals were included in a category of "psychopathic personalities" and required medical certification.

The opinion by the New

Orleans panel conflicts with a Sept. 7 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which declared a homosexual without a government-issued medical certificate could not be denied U.S. entry.

"Congress' use of medical language was not intended to lay down a clinical test for exclusion dependent on the vicissitudes of medical opinion," the 5th Circuit judges ruled in a 31-page opinion.

"If Congress' policy is misguided, Congress must revise that policy and the injustice to a deserving person who wishes to become a citizen must be corrected by lawmakers."

"They (the 5th Circuit panel) are definitely conflicting with what the 9th Circuit has to say," said Bryan Bates, Longstaff's

attorney in Dallas. "I'm really surprised we didn't win."

"In Longstaff's case, what more could the man do? He applied for a visa, passed the medical and entered this country the same way 270,000 other immigrants enter every year."

U.S. District Judge Albert Tate Jr. based part of his dissent on the California decision involving the LesbianGay Freedom Day Committee Inc.

"When a determination is unsupported by a member of the medical profession then medical conditions that existed could later be administratively misused to deport persons unpopular for non-medical reasons," Tate argued.

"Thus I believe the medical certification procedure (was) to be interposed as an important safeguard against abusive 'medical' exclusions or deportations."

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Co-Tylenol may be cause of one death

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LEWISBURG, Pa. — A man described as "a health nut" was found dead in bed after taking Co-Tylenol cold tablets, and local police Sunday asked drug stores across Pennsylvania to remove the product from their shelves.

Officer Roger Rivera, of the East Buffalo Township police, said an autopsy would be performed Sunday on Randall Hummel, 34, who was found dead about 12:30 p.m. Saturday of his 12-year-old daughter.

"We're not trying to put a panic throughout the nation and we're not trying to blame Tylenol," Rivera said. "We're taking precautions because the man was 34 years old."

"We think Co-Tylenol cold medication was used before the death occurred," Rivera said, stressing police did not know if there was a connection between the drug and the death.

"We are asking people to refrain from using the medication until this department confirms that the medication is OK to use," he said. "We have notified local drug stores and the Co-Tylenol has been pulled off shelves in the Lewisburg area."

A spokesman for Johnson & Johnson said he was not contacted by East Buffalo Township authorities, and said was seeking further information.

Lewisburg, in Union County, is located about 120 miles north of Philadelphia. Police in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, who were alerted of

the situation through the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network, said they were not taking any action before the autopsy results.

"I don't think there's much we can do, at this point at least," said Louis DiNardo, Pittsburgh police spokesman.

Philadelphia police officer Jerry Whartenby said detectives planned no action "at this time, the reason being there's no indication that this is a Tylenol death. He could have died of almost anything."

"At this stage of the game, there's nothing to link it," he said.

An FBI official in Philadelphia said the agency was "aware of the situation," but would not elaborate.

Rivera said Hummel was reportedly in excellent physical condition at the time of his death, and was known to be a jogger and "health nut." Hummel apparently had a cold which he was treating himself with the drug.

Rivera said the tablets, which police believe were purchased at a Rea & Derrick drug store on Market Street in Lewisburg, will be forwarded to the FBI for analysis.

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